

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Keshavaraj

Serial Number: 09/899,324

Filed: July 5, 2001

For: PASSENGER AIRBAG AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 3611

Examiner: Matthew D. Luby



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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 5, 2002, Applicant respectfully elects the species of Figures 28 – 30 (Species IV) and claims 13 – 26 for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant respectfully believes that claims 13 – 26 read on Figures 28 – 30.

Also, Applicant respectfully believes that claims 13 and 14 are generic in that they read on Figures 28 – 30 as well as on Figures 9, 18 and 26.

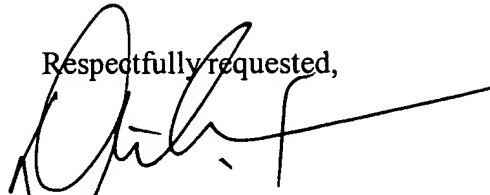
Applicant respectfully believes this to be a complete and timely response to the Office Action and respectfully requests examination on the merits of the application.

Should any matter of form or language stand in the way of allowance of the application, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this response to deposit account no. 04-0500.

Respectfully requested,

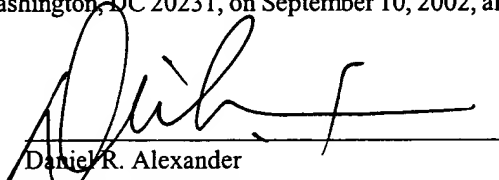
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